Contributions.

(Written for the Sumter Watchman.) THE TWO ROSEBUDS.

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BY L'INCONNUE

We were seated, Gerald and I, in the sions which adorn the islands lying near

balmy moisture of the blue Cooper.

youd it," for just beyond the phosphor- self. escent sparkle of the waves, gleamed the re could hear

"News from the humming city, lu sound of funeral or of marsiago bells.

And sitting muffed in dark leaves you'd hear The windy clanging of the minster clock." Wave Hall was the residence of my uncle, Hartly Riviere, a perfect specimen of a model class of gentlemen-the Southern planters. His genial, yet courtly manners, his unbounded hospitality, and his ample fortune, rendered his beautiful home the centre of attraction for all within our circle of acquaintance. His only daughter, Ethel-pet a large party gathered to celebrate the birth-night of a nephew of my aunt's. Gerald Grey, who having been left a orphan at an early age, was a ward of my uncle, and almost a brother to Ethel

these visits, short as they were, a deephe had now been home but a few days,

between us. tremulous leaves, and as we listened, separate us forever. almost imagining that, like Tennyson's our lives. For does not a first love tastes. Could I give him up?

upon which they fall. coded by saying it would be of no use, the life from the sweet flowers, and tryhowever, for although the Col. had ing to crush out the life and love from reached the age of thirty-five, he bad my own heart, naconsciously listening to never felt the power of the blind God, the gay music and watching, as if in a and believed himself invulnerable to his dream, the graceful figures of the danshafts. In an instant there flashed cers, as they glided through the mazes dark hazel eyes, and the broad brow, through my mind a resolve to find the of "Les Lanciers." I was thinking, would have rendered too stern. How through my mind a resolve to find the vulnerable spot in this modern Achilles, and when, shortly after, I heard him arrive, hurried to my room, and calling Gerald, but in vain; never had he appear
Elsic, my rapid hade her arrange and the spot in this modern Achilles, and when the spot in this modern Achilles, thinking intently, trying to persuade myself that I could be happy without scarce tell, but bitterly did I then realize the truth which the poet sings, that "a but in vain; never had he appearance, it does not be the truth which the poet sings, that "a but in vain; never had he appearance, it does not be the variable and the spot in this modern Achilles, thinking intently, trying to persuade myself that I could be happy without scarce tell, but bitterly did I then realize the truth which the poet sings, that "a but in vain; never had he appearance, it does not Elsie, my maid, bade her arrange my ed more noble and manly, never had I sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering break buttons. hair in the most becoming manner loved him more than at the moment he happior thing." Rousing myself at last, Oct 11

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possible. As I surveyed myself in the left me. If he had remained, my better I laid the portrait upon the table, and as mirror, just before descending to meet angel might have prevailed in that sweet I did so, saw the morning paper which NO RITTERS with my appearance. Glossy bands of golden hair, looped back from forehead. whose ivory fairness was heightened by contrast with the pale blue muslin, and eyes bright with the pleasure of moon lit piazza of one of those fine man anticipated conquest, made up the pic-

years have passed, yet that scene is still saw and was conquered." Scarce a day stay and listen to him. There he told me arrested and fixed by this paragraph : fresh in my memory; but who can paint passed but brought the proud Colonel a how he had loved me from the first, and The long low plasss, with ite trailing walked, sung and rode together. Of the my, pride and silencing the whisperings vines, the starry jessamine and ruby- latter I was particularly fond, as I knew of my heart, I consented to wear his golticted indian orceper, playing, at hide- that I appeared to advantage in my den chains. The breeze was still fresh and seek around the great grey pillars, black riding habit and volvet cap, with and sweet, the flowers as fragrant, and and under the caves, and then lifting white waving plume. Then, on our re- the moonlight still "fell in silver lines." their buds saucily to the brilliant meon- turn from walking or riding, we would But a blight seemed to have fallen over where Gerald had left me, and knew that light, as if wooing the kisses of the zeph- linger in the gathering shadows of the it. Oh how I hated it all ! what right it was a dreadful dream. The gay yrs which breathed upon them the piezza, and I would sing to him, not the had everything to seem so happy and dancers were preparing to leave, the simple yet touching, tender ballads I had beautiful around me, while within all bright lights were partially extinguish-And that moonlight ! Who ever saw sung for Gerald, but songs through was bitterness and regret ? But I had ed, and my hair was damp with the such moonlight as that which shone on whose sentimental words ran no under- begun the task and must finish it, with heavy night dew, while Gerald, by my Wave Hall, and was reflected in a thou- current of deeper feelings. I was comsand sparkles from the waves which pletely carried away by girlish vanity, getfulness upon the glowing flame of a broke in murmurs at the foot of its and resented all interference from Ger- first and only love. grand old oaks? I have seen the moon- ald, telling him I had "givenhim no right light lie upon many a beautiful scene to regulate my conduct." Ah, Gerald, since, but its rays have never touched even now when I look back at my total my heart like those which fell upon the disregard of your feelings, in those gay supper room, trying to appear the gayest dear old place, where were spent so yet miserable days, I can scarce forgive many of the bright, unclouded days of myself. How often do we carelessly, yet ever on my lip. Once I saw Gerald, my happy young life We were not deeply wound those whom, in our in-"wholly in the busy world, not quite be- most hearts, we leve better than life it-

steady hand must heap the ashes of for-

Supper was announced, and taking the

Colonel's offered arm, I aroused myself,

and chatting lightly, passed on to the

of the gay, the smile and gay repartee

grave, calm and pale, standing a little

apart from the others, and inwardly

sorrowing, yet outwardly one of the most

bright-hearted of that gay assemblage. I

turned, with words of badinage, to Col.

alone, that I might think over the

events of the evening, I left the revel-

lers, and bastening to the library, threw

myself in one of the softly cushioned

chairs, with my face buried in my hands,

there to meditate, and to feel that I had

been hurried on to do shat which would

open, but, supposing it to be one of the

kies upon it, and was gone, gone forever,

stolen glances at my pale cheeks, when-

ever Gerald was mentioned, I thought

truth. After a few days, I returned to

which struck on my ear and heart like a

death knell. The Colonel hurried on

our wedding, as pressing business called

him to Varginia. My trousseau was be-

the handsome Colonel, so wealthy, dis-

tinguished and handsome-- and above all,

so talented and devoted. But my heart

was far away, and after leaving the bus-

tle and stir, I would retire to my own

room, and there lying on the lounge,

the hot tears would course down my

One day I lay there thinking how

bright and beautiful was all around me,

and contrasting the outside world with

my own feelings. The sunlight lay in

"patines of bright gold" upon the floor,

the sweet south wind cropt in through

the half opened shutters, passed noise-

lessly through the lace curtains, and

lifted the damp hair from my heated

Col. Haughton surmised a portion of the of kindness.

brought upon myself.

so. The news of the loss of so large a silently drew from my hair the red rose,

But I was destined to be arrested in my nyriad lights of the beloved city, and giddy course by a most sudden and unexpected shock. On the morning of the party came the news that my father had met with considerable loss of fortune, by becoming security of a person who had betrayed the trust reposed in him. He had become liable for debts amounting to the greater half of his entire fortune. The bearer of the news its length, and not to "trouble my little romp and tease-and I, loved each other, for his "darling Sybil." My first im- low voice at my side said, "Sybil, I await my cousin and bridesmaid, and on the more as sisters than cousins. There was pulse was to return home, but my uncle your decision," and looking up, saw Ger- evening of their marriage, cousin Ethel and family so carnestly urged me to re- ald. Feeling that I had gone too far to main that I reluctantly consented to do recede, and fearing to trust my voice. I

He commanded a company which vol. maintenance, yet to one who had been the band which held it, pressed one have I ever regretted the dream and untered for service in Virginia, direct. accustomed to abundant wealth, simple ly after the stars and stripes on Fort competence appeared like overty .-Sumter were lowered to our triumphant Then came the great temptation. I had Palmetto, and had been on duty ever been pleased and flattered by Col since, except when he paid short, yet Haughton's admiration, but had never dearly prized visits home. During once thought of a serious ending to what I considered a "harmless fiirtation." eraffection than that of brother and sister Now came the thought, "why not give had stolen into our hearts, and although up Gerald forever?" Col. Haughton, I knew, was very wealthy. I liked, but did the city, accompanied by the Colonel; already there was a tacit understanding not love him. Surely it would be no difficult matter to love one so noble-We had been spending a most looking, distinguished and talented .delightful time-Gerald, Ethel and I- Thus I reasoned with myself, but in the riding, fishing and taking long strolls midst of such fallacious reasoning. through the dim woods, lounging for thoughts of Gerald, whom I did love hours under one of the largest oaks, would intrude upon me, and I could listening to the breeze playing amid its scarce resolve to do that which would ing prepared, and all the arrangements

But it was the night of the talking oak, it had found a voice. Or party, and this brings me to the beginwe would wander in the cool of the ning of my story. In the interval beafternoon along the beach, watching the tween the dances, Gerald asked me to tossing of the waves, or looking afar out come out into the plassa with him, and to where the white sails were catching although dreading a "tete a tete," I the last level rays of the setting sun .- | consented. Gerald and I were seated Oh! what bright days those were! Each under the vines, a little retired from the

hoar seemed filled with the life, gay promenaders who filled the piazza. love and rapturous enjoyment of a year I was sad, for I loved him and knew of ordinary existence. A lifetime of that he loved me, with a devotion worthy happiness seemed to have been crowded a better return than I had made him; of the loved and lost. into those days, few in number yet fated but Col. Haughton was very wealthy.

to exercise a powerful influence upon As his wife, I could gratify my luxurious lend a colouring to the whole of our Each seemed afraid to break the silence. short lives? I ask not those whose At last Gerald spoke, "Sybil, I can stand fancy is caught by a beautiful face, an this no longer, to night you must decide elegant person, or by rank, wealth or ac. between Col. Haughton and myself. If complishments; who mistake the in his favor-although my leave of abgleam of gold or the sparkle of jewels, sence has not expired-I return to my for a spark of the true fire. But I ask command, there, amid the hardships of those who have really come within the camp, and the smoke of battle, to forget magic circle drawn by the wand of the the blue eyes that loved me but to degreat enchanter, Love-who, like that ceive. I will seek you here after supper. great alchymist, the Sun, throws his rays If you still love me, give me the white around him, transmuting into gold all rosebud which you wear in your hair. If your choice falls upon Col. Haughton, One day, on my uncle's return from give me the red, and without a word I one of his frequent trips to the city, he leave you forver." He arose, as he fintold us he expected a friend from Vir- ished speaking, and asked me to return ginia, Col. Haughton, to dine with him, to the parlors, but telling him to leave and after telling us laughingly to make me, I sat there with my head resting ourselves as "fascinating as possible," heavily against the vines, crushing out

tures There was the same smile, the which the haughty expression of the circumstances.

hour. But I thought of Col. Haughton's I had thrown there, and picking it up wealth and position, and oh ! the glam- listlessly ran my eyes down the columns our it cast around him. I had always It was just after one of our great battles, been ambitious-a feather might have and the paper was filled with accounts turned the scale-when I heard a voice, of the wounded and the dead ; but as I knew or thought I knew that his comand turning I found Col. H. at my side. He had sought me to claim my hand for pany was in another part of Virginia, I the next dance; but now that he had had only a patriotic interest in the news the "Queen City of the South." Althe But, to make the story short, he "came, discovered my retreat, begged me to of the hattle. But suddenly my eye was

"We regrot to learn that Capt. Gerald willing captive to Wave Hall. We asked me to be his wife, and yielding to Gray, of this city, was shot through the head and killed instantly, while gallantly-

I saw no more for, with a moan, Iwhat do you think reader! I awoke, yes, awoke, and found myself in the piazza side, was speaking anxiously, "Sybil, why are you here alone, in this chill morning air? (for it was three o'clock,) come into the parlor and let me hear your decision." I did not rise to go, for I heard Col. Haughton's voice in the parlors but turning to Gerald, and laying both hands in his, said, 'take both buds, | PRUITS Gerald, and since you can have no rose without a thorn, take with them this thorn which has so often pierced your heart." I-but why repeat to you, dear reader, the old, old story, old yet ever fresh and sweet, often repeated, Haughton. After supper, longing to be yet never tiresome, when told by the lips we love. Suffice it to say that Gerald did not leave next day; and when six months after preparations were really DRUCS being made for my wedding, I was no listless, unhappy, fiancer, but the most quietly happy of all the gay girls who had gathered (days before) to celebrate brought a letter from my father, entreat | make me miserable for life. Would that it. Not long after my wedding, there ing me not to allow the intelligence to I might have retraced my steps, but it was a double one, for Cupid, having mar the pleasure of my visit, nor curtail was too late—too late. I heard the door found Col. Haughton, once vulnerable, CANDIES sent an arrow to his heart from the dark head" about it, for he still had enough servants, did not raise my head, until a eyes of the beautiful Maggie Arlington, rewarded the untiring devotion of Clarance Everard, one of her numerous admirers. Col. Haughton and his lovely portion of my father's property, was a glowing as if with the blood of the heart bride soon after their marriage, went to severe blow to me, and although what sacrifice I had made, and extended it Virginia (where he has a magnificent remained was sufficient for a comfortable towards him. Without a word, he took estate on the James) to live. And now, its consequences? Never since our mar- G. H. Reese leaving me to the grief which I had riage. I have told it to Gerald, and he replied, laughingly, yet earnestly:

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brow, seemed sent to whisper to me of one far away. I thought of Gerald, and how vividly did I recall him. I had his miniature, but had never dared to trust myself to open it; but now I thought I would take one last, long look, and never see it more. I arose, and unlocking the casket which contained that which should not have been, but was so precious to me, took the treasure, and returning to the lounge, resumed my former position.

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